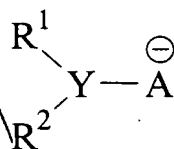


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A ligand having the formula:



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where

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A is CH₂, CHR³, CR³R⁴, NR³, O, S, or PR³;

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R¹ and R² are independently hydrogen, aryl, C₆₋₁₅

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diarylphospho, C₁₋₁₈ alkylthio, C₆₋₁₅ arylthio, C₇₋₁₅ aralkyl, C₁₋

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₁₀ alkoxy, C₆₋₁₄ aryloxy, C₁₋₁₀ dialkylamino, or C₆₋₁₅

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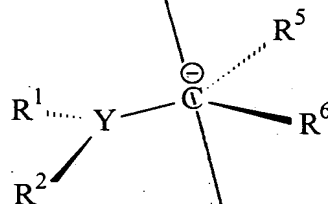
diarylamino; and

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Y is B, Al, or Ga.

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2. The ligand of claim 1 having the formula:



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where

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R⁵ and R⁶ are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₆₋₁₀ aryl,

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C₇₋₁₅ aralkyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy, C₆₋₁₄ aryloxy, C₁₋₁₀ dialkylamino,

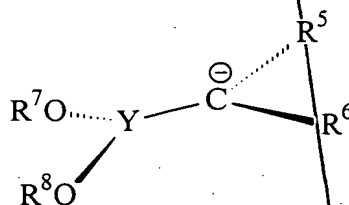
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or C₆₋₁₅ diarylamino.

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3. The ligand of claim 1 having the formula:

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where

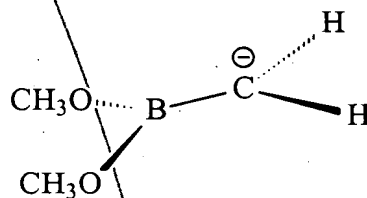
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R^7 and R^8 are independently C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{6-10} aryl, or C_{7-15} aralkyl.

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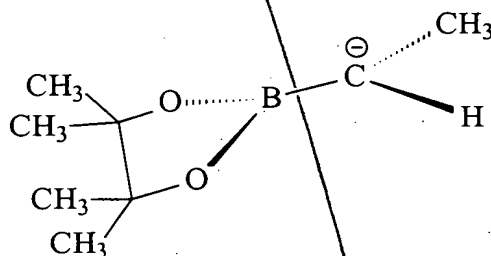
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4. The ligand of claim 3 having the formula:



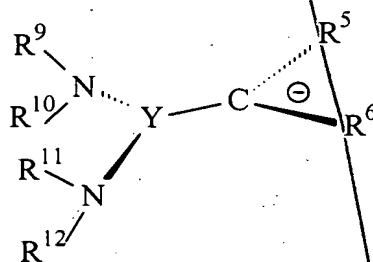
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5. The ligand of claim 3 having the formula:



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6. The ligand of claim 2 having the formula:



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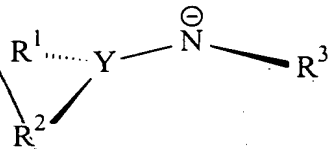
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R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} , and R^{12} are independently C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{6-10} aryl, or C_{7-15} aralkyl.

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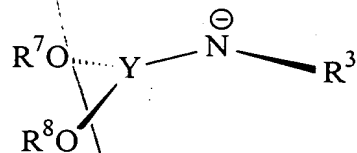
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7. The ligand of claim 1 having the formula:



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8. The ligand of claim 7 having the formula:



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where

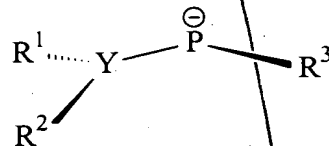
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R^7 and R^8 are independently C_{1-8} alkyl, C_{6-10} aryl, or C_{7-15} aralkyl.

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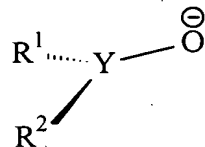
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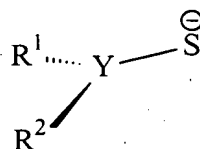
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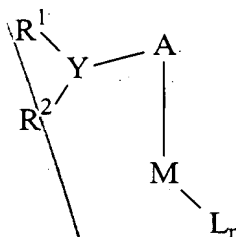


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11. The ligand of claim 1 having the formula:



12. A polymerization catalyst containing a ligand of claim 1, and having the formula:



where

M is a transition metal;

L is a sigma bonded or pi bonded ligand;

n is an integer such that the valency of M is satisfied;

A is CH₂, CHR³, CR³R⁴, NR³, O, S, and PR³;

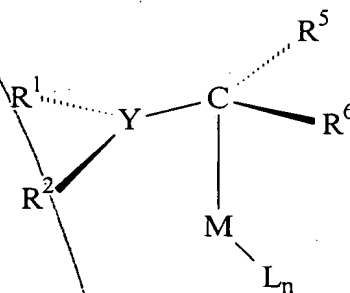
R¹ and R² are independently hydrogen, aryl, C₆₋₁₅ diarylphospho, C₁₋₁₈ alkylthio, C₆₋₁₅ arylthio, C₇₋₁₅ aralkyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy, C₆₋₁₄ aryloxy, C₁₋₁₀ dialkylamino, or C₆₋₁₅ diarylamino;

R³ and R⁴ are independently hydrogen, C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₆₋₁₀ aryl, C₇₋₁₅ aralkyl, C₁₋₁₀ alkoxy, C₆₋₁₄ aryloxy, C₁₋₁₀ dialkylamino, or C₆₋₁₅ diarylamino; and

Y is B, Al, or Ga.

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13. The polymerization catalyst of claim 12 having the formula:



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where:

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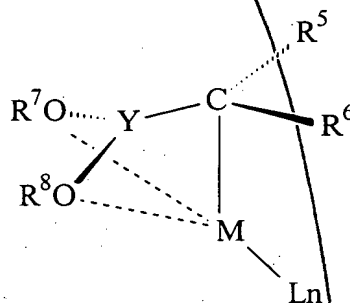
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R^5 and R^6 are independently hydrogen, a C_{1-8} alkyl group, C_{6-10} aryl group, C_{7-15} aralkyl group, C_{1-10} alkoxy group, C_{6-14} aryloxy group, C_{1-10} dialkylamino group, or C_{6-15} diarylamino group.

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14. The polymerization catalyst of claim 12 having the formula:

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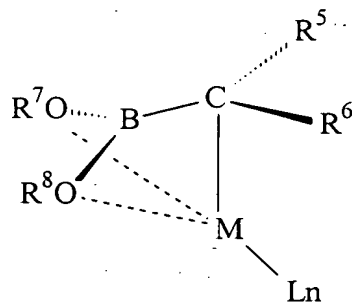
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where R^7 and R^8 is hydrogen, a C_{1-8} alkyl group, C_{6-10} aryl group, or C_{7-15} aralkyl group.

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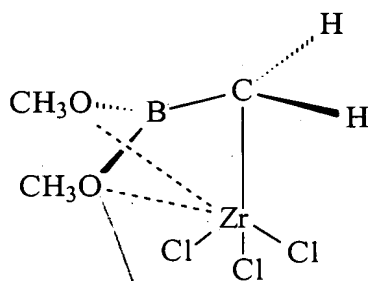
15. The catalyst of claim 12 having the formula:

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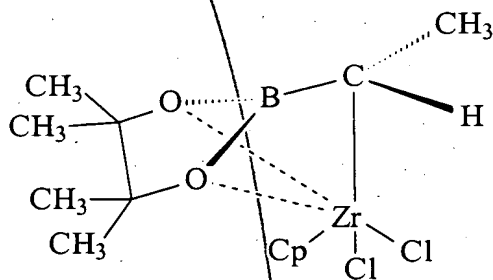
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16. The catalyst of claim 12 having the formula:



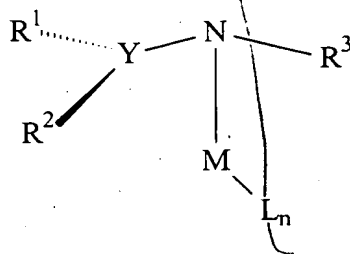
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17. The catalyst of claim 12 having the structure:

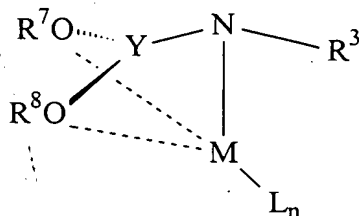


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18. The catalyst of claim 12 having the formula:



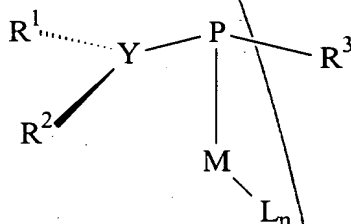
- 1 19. The catalyst of claim 12 having the formula:



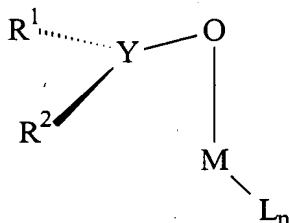
2 where

3 R^7 and R^8 are independently a C_{1-8} alkyl group, C_{6-10} aryl
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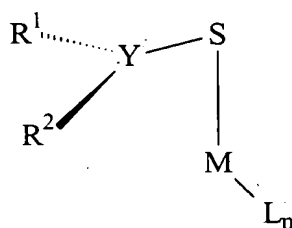
- 1 20. The catalyst of claim 12 having the formula:



- 1 21. The catalyst of claim 12 having the formula:



- 1 22. The catalyst of claim 12 having the formula:



- 1 23. A process for the oligomerization or polymerization of at least
 2 one α -olefin, said process comprising polymerizing said at least one α -olefin in the
 3 presence of a polymerization catalyst component comprising the polymerization
 4 catalyst of claim 12.

- 1 24. A polyolefin or oligoolefin prepared by the process of claim
 2 23.

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